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Letter dated 15 May 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates and the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council

We are writing to you, on behalf of the Group of Arab States and the State of Palestine, to kindly request the holding, on 18 May 2018, of a special session of the Human Rights Council to address the deteriorating human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

The States Members of the Human Rights Council that have signed the request are Angola, Burundi, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

The observer States that have signed the request are Bahrain, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Kuwait, Maldives, Oman, Tajikistan and Turkey.[1]

(*signed*) Obaid Salem Saeed **Al Zaabi**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates
Coordinator of the Group of Arab States

(*signed*) Ibrahim **Khraishi**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine

[1] Malaysia has also signed the request.

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